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## Upcoming Dates:

**Sept. 6: Labor Day** No classes.

**Sept. 11: SON Open House** 10 a.m.-2 p.m

**Sept. 13: Faculty Council Meeting**  
NB 1051, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Sept. 20: Pre-Licensure Council Meeting** NB 1024, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Sept. 27: Faculty/Staff Meeting**  
NB 1030, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Oct. 4-5: Fall Break** No classes.

**Oct. 11: Faculty Council Meeting**  
NB 1051, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Oct. 17: Camp Special Time** Jacksonville, N.C.

**Oct. 18: Pre-Licensure Council Meeting** NB 1024, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Nov. 8: Faculty Council Meeting**  
NB 1051, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Nov. 15: Pre-Licensure Council**  
NB 1024, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Nov. 10: Nu Omega Chapter, STTI New Member Induction Ceremony**  
Lecture Hall SON, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Nov. 24-26: Thanksgiving holiday**  
No classes.

**Dec. 3-9: Final Exams**

**Dec. 6: Faculty Council Meeting**  
NB 1051, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Dec. 9: Fall '10 semester ends**

**Dec. 10: SON Graduation Recognition and Awards Ceremony**

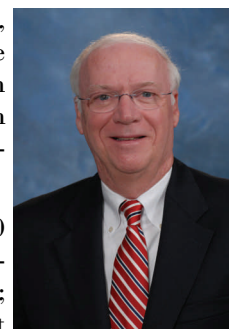
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## **Greetings from the Director**

The new 2010-11 academic year is off to a running start. In early July, the School of Nursing (SON) moved into the new building. The move was very successful and a ribbon cutting and grand opening were held on Aug. 19 with approx 200 invited guests in attendance. On Sept. 11, an open house is planned for the community at large. More than 500 people are expected to attend and tour the building.

Some of the major highlights of the new building include: (1) 10,000 square feet dedicated to simulation learning and equipped with state-of-the-art technology and equipment; (2) Nine labs: health assessment; acute care; critical care; pediatrics; maternity; OR/ER; out-patient clinic; home health care and bio-behavioral. All of these labs will support nursing education as well as partnerships with other academic programs on campus and in the community, hospitals, disaster response groups, diving programs, pharmaceutical groups and high school enrichment programs. The building will also enhance educational programs and research dealing with the SON's Clinical Research Program for non-nurses.

I hope you will be able to come to the open house and visit our new facilities. In my heart and mind, I keep hearing three themes for the new SON building: (1) HOSPITALITY – that your visit will give us something by your presence; (2) HOPE – that people who come will experience hope in completing their dreams of obtaining an education in nursing or clinical research; and (3) HEALTH – that educational programs offered within the SON will improve the health and quality of life of the citizens of Wilmington.



## **Congratulations and Welcome to Our Newest Students!**

Twenty-two family nurse practitioner students, two nurse educator students and one post-master's nurse educator student have been admitted to the SON graduate program. The 23 females and one male in the class represent 13 different N.C. counties. This group of students represents the largest graduate school class of entering students.

The 50 students who comprise the newest cohort of pre-licensure students represent 22 different N.C. counties and have an adjusted program GPA range from 3.01 to 4.0. There are 44 females and six males in this class.

The RN-BS program welcomes its largest class to date: 40 females and five males. These students represent 15 N.C. counties. The average age for this group is slightly over 31 years.

Welcome is extended as well to the new clinical research Class of 2012. There are 21 students in this class, one third of whom reside outside of Wilmington with one student living overseas.

## Notable Achievements

Congratulations to **Stephanie Smith**, who graduated in August from Auburn University with a Ph.D. in public administration and public policy. Her dissertation was “Collective Leadership in the Public Sector: A Descriptive Study of Structure, Roles and Functions in Twelve North Carolina Collaboratives.”

**Kae Livsey** presented at two separate conferences this summer her findings from the 2009 study of the family health needs assessment in the Alto Cayma Community of Arequipa, Peru. The UNCW SON Clinical and Cultural Immersion Experience to Peru was highlighted as an “Innovative Research Opportunities for Undergraduate Nursing Student to Promote Evidence Based Practice” at the 11th annual Evidence Based Practice Conference, in Phoenix, Arizona in June. **Livsey** presented study findings at the 21st International Nursing Research Congress sponsored by the Sigma Theta Tau International Research Congress in Orlando, Florida in July. **Livsey** delivered a presentation on “What Students Really Want from Their Faculty,” her Corbett Foundation-supported study, at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in Myrtle Beach in June.

**Anne Zabriskie**, coordinator of the Simulation Learning Center, was selected to participate in the NLN Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators directed by Pam Jeffries. Through this year-long program, participants will be expected to examine issues related to research in simulation and the administrative role of managing simulation activities within a school of nursing.

Congratulations to **Melissa Aselage** for passing her comprehensive examination to become a doctoral candidate in June 2011. **Aselage** also served as the North Carolina Nurse of the Day in June for the N.C. General Assembly.

Assistant professor **Kris Walters** presided over a session titled, “Institutional Review Boards and Consent Forms” at the Drug Information Association 46th annual meeting in Washington, D.C. June 13-16. Walters also served as a judge for the professional poster presentations and the student poster competition.

Assistant professor **Susan Roberts** served in July as co-moderator of a breakout session on safety registries at the National Institute of Health, Forum to Promote TRIUMPH: TB Research in Underserved Maternal and Pediatric Populations with HIV.

**Susan Roberts** made four poster presentations over the summer: (1) “Pharmacoepidemiology and Therapeutic Risk Management,” and (2) “A Preliminary Assessment of Health Care Databases Potentially Available for the Drug Safety Research in Pregnancy” at the 26th annual International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology and Therapeutic Risk Management in Brighton, England; (3) “The Betaseron® (Interferon β-1b) Pregnancy Registry” at the 24th annual meeting of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers June 2-5 in San Antonio, Texas; and (4) “The Ribavirin Pregnancy Registry: Findings after Five Years of Enrollment” at the 50th annual meeting of the Teratology Society June 26-30 in Louisville, Ky.

**Kathleen Ennen** made a podium presentation on “Women and Stroke Knowledge” July 13 at the Sigma Theta Tau International 21st International Nursing Research Congress in Orlando, Fla.

**Carol Heinrich** and **Deborah Pollard** presented a workshop for SEAHEC on “Preparing for the Nurse Educator Certification Exam” in Wilmington on July 19.

**Deborah Pollard** presented a poster presentation at the 2010 Sigma Theta Tau Research Congress on July 13-14 in Orlando on “Correlates of Perinatal Depression in Diverse, Low-Income Women.” **Pollard** also made a podium presentation at the 2010 International Lactation Consultant Association Conference on July 23 in San Antonio, Texas, on the “Impact of Feeding Log on Breastfeeding Duration and Exclusivity”.

Congratulations to **Cathi Cox** and **Sandra O'Donnell** for passing the Certified Nurse Educator examination.

Congratulations to **Lydia Edward** (May '08 RN-BSN graduate) who was accepted to George Mason University's DNP program beginning this fall.

## Notable Recognition

Congratulations to assistant professor and graduate coordinator **Julie Smith Taylor** for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant for \$23,000 to be used for traineeships for FNP and NE students. These funds will be distributed to students during this academic year. Also, a separate grant in the amount of \$1,400 was awarded to Smith from the Friends of UNCW to purchase three joint injection simulation models: knee, hip and shoulder. Using these models, the FNP students will be able to perfect joint injection and joint aspiration techniques under the direction of **Dave Summerfield**, '09, a family nurse practitioner who is working at Wilmington Orthopedics. Taylor expects that the use of the simulators will prove to be an invaluable learning experience for the students and particularly those who will practice in rural settings.

Clinical research assistant professor **Susan Roberts** was asked to serve as a member of an FDA Advisory Board. **Kris Walters**, clinical research assistant professor, was asked by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) to serve as a panel reviewer.

**RuthAnne Kuiper**, **Nancy Murdock** and **Nancy Grant** published their article, "Thinking Strategies of Baccalaureate Nursing Students Prompted by Self-Regulated Learning Strategies" in the *Journal of Nursing Education*, 8(49). [www.journalofnursingeducation.com](http://www.journalofnursingeducation.com)

## Faculty Publications

**Susan Roberts** published her co-authored article, "The Ribavirin Pregnancy Registry: Findings after Five Years of Enrollment, 2003-09" in the journal *Birth Defects Research Part A: Clinical and Molecular Teratology*, 88.

**Melissa Aselage** published three authored and coauthored articles in the *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 36(7): (1) "Mobilizing Geriatric Nursing Education: The GNEX Podcast Project"; (2) "Teaching Strategies for Atypical Presentation of Illness in Older Adults and (3) "Teaching Senior Level Baccalaureate Registered Nursing Students What They Need to Know About Older Adult Mental Health."

**Soo Kim-Godwin** published three coauthored articles: (1) "Factors Influencing Professionalism in Nursing Among Korean-American Registered Nurses" in the *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 26(4); (2) "Racial Tensions and School Crime" in the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 23(3); and (3) "Family Health Promotion" with **J. Kaakinen**, **S. Hanson** (Eds.), *Family Health Care Nursing: Theory, Practice and Research* (4th ed).

**Kathleen Ennen's** coauthored a manuscript titled "Lower Extremity Ulcer Management: Best Practice Algorithm" in which was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.

**Jeanne Kemppainen** and **Perri Bomar**, along with their colleagues from Iwate Prefectural University **K. Kazuka**, **Y. Kanematsu**, **H. Ambo** and **K. Noguchi**, published their research, "Health Promotion Behaviors of Residents with Hypertension in Iwate, Japan and North Carolina" in the *Japanese Journal of Nursing Science*. This publication represents a joint research project between the UNCW SON and the nursing faculty at Iwate Prefectural University in Takazawa, Japan.

## Simulation Learning Center News

On July 7 the Sim Lab moved to the new nursing building and was transformed into the Simulation Learning Center. The one-room lab in Friday Annex was replaced by eight labs, five observation rooms, six storage rooms and a debriefing room. More than 275 boxes and pieces of equipment were moved and unboxed, while many pieces of new and refurbished medical equipment were added to the inventory. On Aug. 19 the semester began with five out of six second-floor labs in use from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Media attention was given to this new facility on Aug. 25 when representatives from the local newspaper and television stations visited the premises. News stories appeared during the evening newscasts and in the Aug. 26 edition of the newspaper.

## The 2010 Peru Experience

Eight pre-licensure students travelled from May 15-June 6 to Arequipa, Peru, for the 2010 Clinical and Cultural Immersion Experience. In addition to completing their clinical requirements for community/capstone courses, students participated in data collection for a multi-disciplinary research study examining health literacy issues and barriers to health care access relating to the trust citizens place in government-sponsored healthcare programs. In addition, students shot video and were interviewed for a video production for UNCW Office of Advancement to help promote support for international program experiences.

Returning faculty on this expedition were **Kae Livsey**, assistant professor in the SON, and **Jennifer Horan**, assistant professor in the Department of Public and International Affairs and principal investigator of the study. Students participating in the trip were **Janie Dowda, Amanda Formy-Duval, Amanda Hauser, Melissa Howard, Thomas Mangiacapre, Robin Rhyne, Holly Snow and Sean Toomey**.



## School of Nursing Soars to New Heights in Annual Giving

Representing the loyalty of thousands of donors every year, the UNCW Annual Giving Program is an integral part of the university's overall fundraising efforts. Each year, UNCW relies on the generosity of alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and even students who give back to the university (through the phonathon, direct mail or online giving) to support our teaching, research and service mission. Annual gifts enrich the UNCW experience in ways that state funding and tuition cannot, ensuring that today's students have the resources they need to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

During the 2009-10 academic year, annual donors contributed more than \$13,600 to the SON (a 32 percent increase from the previous year). Especially, noteworthy was the 109 percent increase in dollars raised through the phonathon program and the 10 percent increase in dollars contributed by SON seniors who participated in the 2009-10 Senior Class Gift Campaign. In addition, more than 42 percent of SON faculty in made a gift to UNCW last year. The generosity demonstrated by these donors not only provides critical funding for state-of-the-art classrooms, patient simulation labs, hospital-quality equipment and faculty research but sends a powerful message to others about the pride they all share in UNCW. Hopefully, this past year's success will be a catalyst to ensure that SON alumni also value the importance of participation in the Annual Giving Program, knowing their annual support not only impacts the school but also improves the value of their degree.

Donors may visit [www.uncw.edu/giveonline](http://www.uncw.edu/giveonline) to make a tax-deductible contribution to the SON.

Pictured at right are SON alumni, SON representatives and members of the annual giving staff at the 2010 SON homecoming event.





## Another Exciting Summer of Camp BONES Experience

The Camp BONES (Brigade of Nurse Exploring Sea-hawks) Academy had quite an exciting summer. Three of the groups returned to campus for their continued enrichment, and a fourth group was added to the family. Each completed activities that were designed for their specific year in the program:

- Eleven participants of the 2007 cohort completed a Nurse Aide 1 course (120 hours) in three weeks then took the state certification test approximately three weeks later;
- Eight participants of the 2008 cohort spent the week gathering college preparation information performing community service and learning pharmacology. They also served as consultants at a teen obesity prevention discussion facilitated by Kae Livsey, assistant professor;
- Eleven of the 2009 cohort were involved with math and science enrichment for the week. They reviewed algebraic and geometric solutions each morning and participated in anatomy and physiology labs each afternoon;
- The newest cohort (2010) of 11 bright middle school students (pictured above) spent 11 days exploring nursing as a career and learning about college life. New Hanover Regional Medical Center partnered with the School of Nursing to provide patient simulation experiences and to allow the students to “shadow” several nurses during their workday.



## Celebration of the 2007 Cohort of Camp BONES

The 2007 cohort will celebrate its completion of the four-year commitment to Camp BONES 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 in Fisher University Union (Long Leaf Pine Room). For those interested, please contact **Cindi Meredith**, project coordinator of the Nursing and Health Academy, at 962.2583.

## Welcome to our Newest Faculty and Staff

**Nancy Grant** (pictured at right), a native of Ohio who moved to the Wilmington area five years ago, will be full-time lecturer and clinical instructor. She brings to the school her expertise in cardiac intensive care.



**Patty White** (pictured at left), lecturer and clinical instructor in pediatric and maternity nursing, has worked for the past 29 years in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. During that time **White** has been a clinical nurse educator for women's and children's services and served as a representative to the Nursing Congress multiple times. Patty received her MSN with a concentration in nursing education from East Carolina University in 2008. She is the president of the Nu Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society.



**Lindsay Futrell** (pictured at right), the new Simulation Lab consultant for the SON, recently moved from Richlands, N.C., to Leland. **Futrell** graduated in 2009 from Craven Community College with an associate's degree in applied science in information systems security.



## Name-Change for Our Newsletter

A contest to rename the SON newsletter is underway. To reflect the recent move from Friday Annex into our new permanent quarters, we are soliciting the suggestions of our readers for a new title to this publication.

The deadline for the submission of entries is **Nov. 1**. A \$100 gift certificate from First Uniform Inc. in Wilmington will be awarded to the creator of the winning entry.



## Class Advisors

**Chris Orton** is the faculty advisor of the Class of May 2012. Other faculty advisors are:

**Anne Zabriskie**, Class of Dec. 2010, **Nancy Murdock**, Class of May 2011 and **Kae Livsey**, Class of Dec. 2011.

## Media Event at the New SON Facility

Local and state media attended a special tour and simulation exercise in the new SON facility on Aug. 24. The event included a tour of the building and observation of a computer-controlled simulation exercise in the critical care simulation lab. Interviews were conducted with students and faculty regarding the new facilities and additional learning opportunities.

Pictured at left are seniors Shannon Blankenbleckler and Whitney Jordan practicing the technique of intradermal injections using hotdogs. (Photo courtesy of StarNews Media.)





## The Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Event . . . Aug. 19, 2010



Please submit calendar events, notable achievements, community events, research/scholarship activities and questions for faculty/staff to our editorial and production staff: Sandy O'Donnell (odonnells@uncw.edu) or Debra Simpson (simpsond@uncw.edu).

### Final Lingering Thought . . .

*To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.*

**Baruch Spinoza**